Livestock and Poultry Farms

610 [28] **Shri M. C. Abraham :** Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) How many Livestock and Poultry Farms are there in the State;

(b) Where are they situated ;

(c) What are their achievements hitherto;

(d) Is the Kodappanakunnu Livestock and Poultry Farm functioning satisfactorily ?

Minister for Food and Agriculture (**Shri E. P. Poulose**) :

(a) District Livestock Farms. 3
District Poultry Farms. 7
Central Hatchery. 1

(b) *District Livestock Farms.*

1. Kodappanakunnu in Trivandrum District.
2. Ollukkara in Trichur District.
3. Thiruvazhumkunnu in Palghat District.

District Poultry Farms.

1. Kodappanakunnu in Trivandrum District.
2. Kureepuzha in Quilon District.
3. Manarcad in Kottayam District.
4. Ollukkara in Trichur District.
5. Malampuzha in Palghat District.
6. Chathamangalam in Calicut District.
7. Mundayad in Cannanore District.

Central Hatchery.

Chengannur in Alleppey District.

(c) The District Livestock Farms are producing breeding bulls and dual purpose animals for the production of milk and for agricultural operations. Cultivation of fodder grass is also an item of work under taken in the District Livestock Farms.

The requirement of breeding bulls of Sindhi and Murrah Buffaloes for the Development Blocks and other institutions are met from these District Livestock Farms to a great extent. In order to upgrade the non-discript local animals, more number of breeding bulls being produced in these farms.

Similarly the District Poultry Farms and Central Hatchery play a great role in upgrading the country birds by distribution of cockrels and pullets of white Leghorn and Rhode Island Red breed to the Development Blocks, registered institutions and individuals.

Above one lakh of chicks are being produced in these institutions every year for distribution.

A good percentage of the local animals and birds have been so far upgraded by the activities of these Livestock and Poultry farms.

(d) Yes.

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